

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A CCD image detector includes a buffer area array separate from an image area array and a storage area array, the buffer area array being controlled independently of the image and storage area arrays to transfer its charge contents to a read out register of the CCD in the process of reading out a collected image or portion thereof. A method of operating the CCD image detector is also disclosed.

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